WHEREAS, South Dakotans value their natural environment and are concerned for the disappearance of trees in the State; and,

WHEREAS, trees provide necessary products for the future and are vital to the conservation of other natural resources as they prevent wind and water erosion of the soil and purify the sir by returning oxygen to the atmosphere; and,

WHEREAS, trees add much to the natural beauty of our environment by absorbing noise, providing shade and shelter, beautifying the landscape and providing homes for birds and wildlife; and,

WHEREAS, 1972 marks the One Hundredth Anniversary Of Arbor Days

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 21, through April 28, as

SOUTH DAKOTA ARBOR WEEK

and urge all South Dakotans to join in an effort to preserve our existing trees, to plant a tree during this week, and to support local reclanting projects.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dekota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 20th day of

April, 1972

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE